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Subject: Contact with AECASSOWARY 2
Tuesday, 12 December 1961, 2030-0130 hours.

1. Mechanics. Subject was met at his hotel, where talk progressed for around an hour; thence to a bar-night club for drinks, music, and talk; thence to a hotel cafe for drinks.

2. Various Items.

a. STASHINSKIY. This matter disturbed AECASS 2 most prominently throughout the evening. Meditating out loud, his opinions might be summarized as follows:- much in the STASHINSKY case that AECASS 2 cannot accept; it is possible that he was instructed to confess the murders, for larger political purposes as yet unclear; someone high-up in the Ukrainian emigration must be a Soviet agent, and STASHINSKY's escape may serve as a cover for that agent--AECASS 2 played with the following tentative candidates for this RIS agency, without giving real proofs--Volodymyr STAKHIV of Munich, Bohdan KORDYUK of Munich, SHANKOVSKIY of Prolog in U.S.A., but all this was mere fancy....AECASS 2 said he would like to have all STASHINSKIY has said about the underground, and that STASHINSKY should be showed photos of such types as Myron MATVIEYKO....The United Nations, not the West Germans, should have handled the STASHINSKY case....AECASS 2 has located relatives of STASHINSKY in the U.S. and Canada, plus people from his native village who knew the family there; one source says that STASHINSKY's father was cross-eyed and has an illegitimate son.

b. SEREDA. AECASS 2 is not sure what he or the emigration should do in this case, but his tentative feelings seem to be:- go slow; no direct Prolog involvement at this time; time should show whether the man is clean, and without doing him any harm, he should not be put in a position where he can do any harm if he is dirty; the case seems to parallel that of those that defected in the 1930's and got next to KONOVALETS--KHOMYAK, VALYUKH, and a third chap, name unrecalled by writer; if SEREDA is RIS, purpose may be to deflect West from supporting "bourgeois nationalists" in favor of "national communists" or of bringing "bourgeois nationalist" ideology closer to the Communist line. AECASS 2 told of STAKHIV's pressure in letters re finding SEREDA, and if STAKHIV was not doing this for the Germans, then for whom was he so pressuring?.....

c. SHPORLYUK arrived in the U.S. bound for study in California; he made a favorable impression on AECASS 2....The editor of an OUN/M paper in Chicago, one SHEPYARAK or ~~SEKEX~~ SHKURELAK or something similar, in all probability is RIS, having a brother who is a Communist in the Ukraine while the Chicago man himself engages in all sort of strange activity, including plans to visit Poland with his American passport..... Arkadiy Inu, Ukrainian Soviet rep with United Nations in New York, makes special efforts on weekly basis to contact Ukes in New York City area and engages in polemics with them, at one time asking Ukrainian emigres to invite such types as Yuriy MELNYCHUK to give them a speech..... Two former leading underground types, STEPANYAK and DUZHYY, were recently released from camp by the Soviets; both men are strong types of the "minister" level; STEPANYAK, a lawyer, used to be a leader in the Communist Party of the Western Ukraine and was converted to nationalism

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when in a Polish jail; he refused freedom from the Soviets for years, and finally as a result of dickering he was released; his former girl friend lives in Vienna, is now in the U.S., and plans to go to Lvov to visit him; AECASS 2 sent STEPANYAK a package of clothes recently; DUZYI, also a lawyer, was also released and appeared publicly in an anti-nationalist press campaign; AECASS 2 opined that getting next to both of these men would result in the understanding of many unknown developments in the Ukr SSR..... AECASS 2 has some sort of contacts with "progressive" circles in Canada and the U.S.A., feels they can be exploited, and has reported stuff in the past on such matters..... KOTELNYTSKIY--this is the chap who worked with MATVIEYKO and the SB in Munich, engaged with M. in a few murders, emigrated to the U.S., and recently returned to the homeland, although he liquidated a few "Soviet agents" in Germany..... In Chicago there is a chap named PALANYTSYA who was also involved in this SB racket and who should be able to throw some light on such matters..... HARABACH is also a name in this package, and it seems that he too is in the U.S..... Recently STEVENSON gave a good speech at the United Nations condemning Soviet colonialism and mentioning the Ukraine among others, but the echo was drowned by the accent in the world press on the KENNEDY-ADZHUBEI interview..... Ukr politicians in the U.S. are somewhat embarrassed now because one of their number, Platon STASIUK, treasurer of the drive to get funds for a Shevchenko monument in Washinton, recently visited the Ukr. SSR, met Mykola TARNOVSKY, former Ukrainian communist editor now returned to Kiev, who took STASIUK to Shevchenko's monument in ~~Kiev~~ Kaniv near Kiev and had STASIUK's picture printed with Communists in the Soviet press, wherein the Ukr Communists promised to aid the Ukrainians in the U.S. in their Shevchenko monument campaign.....

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